

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 198 – HB 425

March 6, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the General Assembly to meet and approve a rule prior to its becoming effective. Deletes emergency and public necessity rules. Deletes the authority of the appropriate agency and the Senate and House Government Operations Committees to stay the effective date of proposed rules. Requires the Tennessee Code Commission to remove references to emergency and public necessity rules and reprint affected sections.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$257,700

Assumptions:

- Under current law, a proposed rule becomes effective 75 days after it is filed with the Secretary of State (SOS) unless it is a public necessity or emergency rule. The agency proposing the rule and the House and Senate Government Operations Committee are authorized to stay the running of the 75-day waiting period before a rule filed with the SOS becomes final.
- The General Assembly will timely meet to prevent loss of federal funding or other adverse consequences from failure to approve agency rules.
- Travel and per diem expenses for 132 legislative members of \$42,958.08 per meeting (\$171 per diem plus \$154.44 mileage for each member).
- It is estimated that the General Assembly will meet on six occasions during the period when it is not otherwise in session for a total cost of \$257,748.48 (\$42,958.08 per meeting x 6 meetings).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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